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10 For: **Manually Releasable Clip Holder**

FIRST AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: NON-FEE AMENDMENT

15 **Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

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Dear Sir:

20 A Final Office Action mailed 10/06/05 required an Election of Species and a response was mailed on 10/25/05 with the required election. This First Amendment is in response to a second Office Action mailed on 01/12/06.

25 The status of the case is as follows: Original claims 12 - 20 are withdrawn with the exception of claim 17 which depends from claim 1. The remaining claims in the case are therefore claims 1 - 11 and 17 with claims 1 and 7 being independent. Claims 7 - 11 are allowed. Claim 1 is rejected.

30 Claim 1 is amended and is now believed to be allowable as amended. A new independent claim 21 and dependent claims 22 - 24 are added for the Examiner's consideration.

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